

Dear Commissioners, I wish to express my opposition to Broadband Over Power Line (BPL).

My opposition is based on the interference to the Amateur Radio service and to those listening to shortwave radio. It is not yet clear what the interference levels will be to Amateur radio. However, several Amateurs have done testing in areas where BPL has been tried. The results were not encouraging.

Amateur radio represents an excellent way for young people to become involved with the study of electronics. I hear story after story of youngsters being licenced. Further, my son will become licenced this summer. I do not want anything to lessen the enjoyment of the hobby for myself or young people just entering the hobby.

The Amateur Radio service was a valuable service on 9/11, providing communications backup and helping survivors contact loved ones, and has proven itself many times over in emergency situations. Given the current terrorist threat we now face, I believe that it is unreasonable to hamper this valuable - and free resource with a known source of interference. Further, it is simply unnecessary. While I'm sure that the power companies are looking for a new profit center, that is insufficient reason to allow them to run roughshod over others who don't have the enormous budgets for political lobbyists. There are other alternatives available for broadband that don't interfere with other services, including cable, DSL and satellites services.

Thanks you for considering my petition.

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